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Muya language

Munya or **Muya** (Chinese 木雅; also *Manyak* 曼牙科,[4] *Menia* 么呢阿[5]) is one of the Qiangic languages spoken in China. There are two dialects, Northern and Southern, which are not mutually intelligible. Most research on Munya has been conducted by Ikeda Takumi.

Muya	
Munya	
Native to	China
Region	Sichuan, Tibet
Ethnicity	15,000 (2007)[1]
Native speakers	10,000 (2007)[1] 2,000 monolinguals (2000?)[2]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan ▪ Qiangic ▪ Northern ▪ **Muya**
Dialects	East West
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`mvm`
Glottolog	`muya1239 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/muya1239)`[3]

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Names

The language has been spelled various ways, including *Manyak*, *Menya*, *Minyag*, *Minyak*. Other names are *Boba* and *Miyao*.

Dialects

Ethnologue (21st edition) lists two Muya dialects, namely Eastern (Nyagrong) and Western (Darmdo). Muya is spoken in:

- Shimian County, Ya'an
- Jiulong County
- Kangding

Sun (1991) documents Muya 木雅 of Liuba Township 六坝乡, Shade District 沙德区, Kangding County 康定县, Sichuan (Sun 1991:219).

Popular culture

In 2008, Bamu, a singer with the Jiuzhaigou Art Troupe in the Aba Tibetan and Qiang autonomous prefecture in Sichuan, recorded an album of Muya songs (木雅七韵).[6]

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6. Chasing the fading music (http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/epaper/2014-05/27/content_17544535.htm) 2014-05-27 07:13 By Huang Zhiling (China Daily USA)] "One woman's passion for the songs of a remote ethnic people may save not only the Muya's music, but the language itself. Huang Zhiling reports from Chengdu. Muya music might already be lost if Yang Hua had not given up her job as a mathematics teacher." ..."After the recording was over, Bamu told Yang it was a folk song of the Muya people. The song told how a girl working outside her hometown misses her mom, who says jewelry does not mean anything if one is not educated, and the singer wishes her mom good health. "It was the first time I heard the word 'Muya'," Yang says."

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